public advertisement seeking expression of interest for JV participation in SIL. SIL has been directed to prepare an Action Plan for upgrading its product and process technology.

Disruption of DD Channels

†836. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether three channels of Doordarshan remained disrupted for hours on 17th April, 2001;

(b) if so, the names of channels, the hours for which the channels remained disrupted and reasons for the same;

(c) whether Government have taken any action against the officials responsible for disruption of the channels;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Transmission of three Satelite channels, *viz.* DD-Sports, DD-World, and DD-News, was disrupted for about 1 hour 35 minutes on 17th April 2001 due to burning of a power supply change-over switch.

(c) to (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that since the disruption was not due to negligence by staff, no action against any staff member is envisaged. However, all the concerned staff members have been instructed to be extra vigilant in future.

Visit of delegation abroad

837. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation headed by her had visited US, UK and Japan in the second week of June, 2001;

(b) if so, the achievements made as a result of her visits; and

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.